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3/2/2023

Dear Congressman Simpson,

I am writing to express my strong support for the installation of a new water tank in our city. Our water source is a spring on the mountain delivered by a 14 mile pipeline. We have experienced two water line breaks in the past year due to earthquake activity which has resulted in a shortage of water for both culinary and fire protection purposes.

The proposed water tank will significantly increase our city's capacity to store water, thereby ensuring that we have enough water available in case of a water line break. This will not only provide peace of mind to our residents but also help prevent any potential emergencies that may arise due to a shortage of water.

Our recently completed water study also recommends the additional tank is needed for additional population growth of the city.

As the Mayor of Preston, I understand how important it is to have reliable and sufficient water resources for our community. The installation of the water tank is a critical step in improving our city's water infrastructure and ensuring that we can continue to provide safe and reliable water services to our residents.

I urge you to support this proposal, as it is in the best interest of our community. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to working with you to make our city an even better place to live.

Sincerely,

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Daniel M. Keller  
Mayor



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March 10, 2023

Dear Representative Simpson,

My name is Tyrell Simpson, I am the City Preston's engineer. I've been working for Preston City for almost 5 years.

I write this letter in support of the grant that the City of Preston is applying for to build a new water storage tank. Preston recently had a water facility planning study completed by Keller Associates in October 2022. The planning study shows that Preston City's water storage is currently 13% under capacity. Also, by 2041 the city is projected to be 24.2% under capacity.

The City of Preston is currently growing very fast, just like the rest of the state. There are currently 5-7 large developments that are projected to be approved by the City within the next year. A new water storage tank will help Preston City now, but also in the future. In the water facility planning study the city has a new 2.0-million-gallon water storage tank under priority 1 improvements. This shows how important a new water storage tank is to Preston City and its residents.

Please consider the City of Preston for the grant to build a new water storage tank.

Regards,

Tyrell Simpson



# FRANKLIN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

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3/13/23

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the grant proposal to build a new city water storage tank. As the Fire Marshall, I can attest to the fact that having an adequate supply of water for firefighting purposes is crucial for protecting our community and preventing the loss of life and property.

In the event of a fire, firefighters need access to a reliable and sufficient source of water to extinguish the flames. A water storage tank is an essential piece of infrastructure that can provide the necessary water supply in the event of a fire emergency. The proposed tank will ensure that our firefighters have the resources they need to protect our community from the devastating effects of fire.

Furthermore, the current water storage facilities in our city are inadequate and outdated, and they do not meet the growing demand for water that is necessary to provide effective fire protection. The proposed tank will provide the necessary storage capacity to ensure that we have sufficient water for both firefighting and everyday use.

In conclusion, I strongly support the grant proposal to build a new city water storage tank. This critical infrastructure project will help protect our community and ensure that our firefighters have the resources they need to respond quickly and effectively to fire emergencies. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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Matt Gleed

Franklin County Fire Marshall

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Darin Dransfield  
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Preston, Idaho 83263

March 10, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

As CEO of Franklin County Medical Center, I write to support the significant need of an additional water tank in Preston City.

Franklin County Medical Center is a reputable critical access hospital serving the needs of over 15,000 lives in both our city and county. As such, we offer critical services that support all aspects of population health including emergency, long term care, family practice, and a robust variety of specialty services. Accordingly, maintaining proper facility standards are vital to our existence; especially our water supplies.

By creating redundant water supplies for our hospital, we mitigate potential health risks that occur should our current supply be compromised in any fashion. From fire suppression to providing sanitary conditions for medical interventions, water truly is the lifeline for our hospital. Additionally, as our county continues to grow, a secondary tank would greatly benefit the anticipated reserves needed to sustain our population.

Your time and consideration in helping us with this endeavor is truly appreciated.

Sincerely



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